



**DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
*All Day Advanced Kindergarten*  
**2012-2013**

**Due October 26, 2011**

Do not apply to the school.

Apply to:

Gifted and Talented Education Department  
1330 Fox St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor South  
Denver, CO 80204

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Denver Public Schools offers all day, tuition-based, **Advanced Kindergarten (AK)** classrooms throughout the district. Priority enrollment to an AK classroom is based on the student's home address. AK classrooms are designed for students who are academically advanced for their age with exceptional curiosity, attention span, interests, and verbal or mathematical ability. Eligibility for full-pay, partial-pay, or minimum-pay tuition is based on family income. **Transportation is not provided.**

Students accepted into this full-day program will attend school from approximately 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. each day, following the approved district calendar.

To apply for **ALL DAY ADVANCED KINDERGARTEN**, complete and return the following by  
**October 26, 2011** to

DPS Gifted and Talented Education Department  
1330 Fox St., 2nd Floor South  
Denver, CO 80204

- ☐ Complete the application for All Day Advanced Kindergarten and sign page 3. ***If applying for screening fee assistance, also complete and sign the Advanced Kindergarten Fee Information Sheet (page 4).***
- ☐ Attach a copy of your child's birth certificate (required of all students). Children must be 5 years old on or before October 1, 2012 to attend kindergarten in the 2012- 2013 school year.
- ☐ Attach the non-refundable screening fee. Screening fee payment assistance is available according to the **Advanced Kindergarten Fee Information Sheet (page 4)** at the back of this application. **Checks or money orders should be made out to Denver Public Schools.**

**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL DOCUMENTS TOGETHER.**

*Non-Denver residents may apply to the program but will NOT receive financial assistance.  
Denver residents will have enrollment priority.*

Placement into Advanced Kindergarten classrooms will be done by School of Choice.



### Student Information

Parents have unique opportunities to see their children at play, at work, and in family settings.

**Directions:** Please fill in the answers to the following questions.

My child

1. Recognizes \_\_\_\_\_ upper case letters
2. Recognizes \_\_\_\_\_ lower case letters
3. Reads some words; how many? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Counts verbally up to \_\_\_\_\_
5. Recognizes numbers up to \_\_\_\_\_
6. Uses scissors correctly: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
7. Holds a pencil or crayons correctly: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Advanced students tend to exhibit one or more of the following characteristics:**

- Uses words and phrases that are advanced for his or her age.
- Tells inventive, detailed stories or builds detailed play sets.
- Easily understands what he/she reads, sees, or hears. Seems to “learn” things with little or no teaching.
- Has a great short or long term memory and may remember detailed information and/or numbers.
- Notices patterns, details, and whether things are similar or different in his or her world.
- Has an unusual amount of knowledge about specific topics that interest him or her.
- Understands basic mathematical concepts.
- Has a great deal of curiosity about many things.
- Has a longer attention span than many of his or her age mates. Is independent and able to do things on his or her own.
- Has good fine motor skills – can cut, paste, use crayons with more skill than age mates.

**In the space provided give three specific examples or bullets of how your child exhibits one or more of the skills listed on the previous page.**

1.

2.

3.

## Signature(s) and Permission for Screening

Screenings will take place in November and December. Families will be notified of their assigned screening times and should allow two hours to complete the entire process. Parents should discuss with their child that during this time they will be working and playing with adults who are new to them.

Families will be notified of eligibility for the AK Program after testing is completed. If your child qualifies for the program, you will receive notification and a School of Choice application to complete the process.

**School of Choice must receive the paperwork by the deadline listed on the form before program placement can be finalized.** Placement will be offered according to district enrollment policies. If more students qualify than there are available spaces, a lottery will be held. Tuition assistance spaces will also be offered by lottery if more eligible students apply than available spaces.

**Please read the statement below and sign where indicated.**

I certify that all of the above information is true and correct and give permission for my child to be screened for an Advanced Kindergarten classroom. I understand that this is not placement into the DPS Gifted and Talented Program and will not be used to determine gifted identification or placement in the future.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Denver Public Schools does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of disability, race, ethnicity, gender, religion, or creed, in the educational program and activities of the district.*

*Note: Magnet schools and programs, like all district programs, will be reviewed annually as part of the district's budget development process. Therefore, approval of these guidelines does not ensure that resources will be available to continue operation of all programs or to continue operation of programs in their present format or location. (Procedures, Policy JC)*

**Please do not send a child who is ill to testing. You may call and reschedule the testing for a time when your child is feeling better.**

If your child became ill during testing, experienced anxiety over testing, or may have had any other specific health reason for the testing not to be valid, the parent(s)/guardian(s) must notify the AK Specialist at 720-423-8271 prior to the testing results being sent home. **Notification after results are received at home will not be considered valid.**

## Advanced Kindergarten Screening Fee Information

### Easy Steps to Determine the Screening Fee for Advanced Kindergarten

1. Locate the number of persons in your household in the first column.
2. Once you've located your household size, find your total household gross monthly income in columns A, B, C, D, E, F, or G.
3. Once you've determined which column holds your gross monthly income, move down to the row that contains the screening fee amounts.
4. This amount will be the screening fee that you will submit with this application. Please make checks or money orders payable to Denver Public Schools.

Household Size	A	B		C		D		E		F		G	Non-Denver Resident
	Monthly Gross Income	Monthly Gross Income		Monthly Gross Income		Monthly Gross Income		Monthly Gross Income		Monthly Gross Income		Monthly Gross Income	All Monthly Gross Income Levels
	Up to	From	Up to	From	Up to	From	Up to	From	Up to	From	Up to	Greater than	
2	2,246	\$2,247	\$2,732	\$2,733	\$2,914	\$2,915	\$3,643	\$3,644	\$4,128	\$4,129	\$8,621	\$8,622	
3	2,823	\$2,824	\$3,433	\$3,434	\$3,662	\$3,663	\$4,578	\$4,579	\$5,188	\$5,189	\$10,833	\$10,834	
4	3,399	\$3,400	\$4,134	\$4,135	\$4,410	\$4,411	\$5,513	\$5,514	\$6,248	\$6,249	\$13,046	\$13,047	
5	3,976	\$3,977	\$4,836	\$4,837	\$5,158	\$5,159	\$6,448	\$6,449	\$7,307	\$7,308	\$15,259	\$15,260	
6	4,553	\$4,554	\$5,537	\$5,538	\$5,906	\$5,907	\$7,383	\$7,384	\$8,367	\$8,368	\$17,472	\$17,473	
7	5,129	\$5,130	\$6,238	\$6,239	\$6,654	\$6,655	\$8,318	\$8,319	\$9,427	\$9,428	\$19,685	\$19,686	
8	5,706	\$5,707	\$6,939	\$6,940	\$7,402	\$7,403	\$9,253	\$9,254	\$10,486	\$10,487	\$21,898	\$21,899	
<b>Advanced Kindergarten Screening Fee (due with application)</b>													
<b>Please make check or money order to Denver Public Schools</b>													
	<b>\$5</b>	<b>\$25</b>		<b>\$25</b>		<b>\$35</b>		<b>\$35</b>		<b>\$50</b>		<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$50</b>

Total monthly work/non-work income (Total Box 1 and Box 2): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of members in the household (including yourself & children): \_\_\_\_\_

**Signing below indicates that the information provided above is true to the best of my knowledge under penalty of perjury. I understand that I may be chosen to participate in a yearly audit and, if chosen, will need to provide adequate documentation of the income stated above.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date (mm-dd-yyyy)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/ Guardian's Name Printed